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1. SUMMARY: REACTION TO SEP 10 SPEECH BY EDUCATION MIN IVANISSEVICH BY NEARLY ENTIRE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AND MOST POLITICAL PARTIES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ORTHODOX PERONISTS, WAS NEGATIVE. ORTHODOX PERONISTS, IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM, FELT OBLIGED TO ISSUE A STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE SPEECH. END SUMMARY.

2. REACTION TO SEP 10 SPEECH BY EDUCATION MIN IVANISSEVICH (SEE REFTEL) BY MOST POLITICAL PARTIES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ORTHODOX PERONISTS, WAS NEGATIVE. LEADERSHIP OF RADICAL PARTY, IN ITS FIRST PUBLIC ATTACK ON A MINISTER OF THIS GOVERNMENT, ISSUED STATEMENT WHICH SAID IVANISSEVICH'S SPEECH "COULD OBSTRUCT THE UNITY AND PACIFICATION OF THE NATION". THE DOCUMENT ALSO SAID THAT CLOSING THE UNIVERSITY WOULD NOT BE A SOLUTION. OSCAR ALENDE OF THE INSTRANSIGNET PARTY CALLED FOR IVANISSEVICH'S RESIGNATION.

3. AS A RESULT OF IVANISEVICH'S STATEMENTS REGARDING RESEARCH, JULIO OLIVERA THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR SCIENCE AND

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TECHNOLOGY TURNED IN HIS RESIGNATION AND CRITICIZED BOTH

THE FACTS AND REASONING OF THE EDUCATION MIN'S SPEECH.

4. IN REACTION TO THESE BARBS, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JUSTICIALISTA PARTY ISSUED A STATEMENT ON SEP 17 IN SUPPORT OF IVANISSEVICH'S SPEEC. THE COMMUNIQUE SAID: "THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JUSTICIALISTA PARTY CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY, GIVEN THE VERTICALITY TO WHICH WE SUBSCRIBE, TO EXPRESS OUR ADHESION TO THE FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS CONTAINED IN THE SPEECH OF THE MINISTER".

5. WHEN ASKED FOR A REACTION TO THE JUSTICIALISTA COUNCIL STATEMENT RADICAL LEADER RICARDO BALBIN REFUSED TO COMMENT.

6. COMMENT: IT IS APPARENT THAT THE RADICALS DID NOT WANT THIS ISSUE TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR DIALOGUE WITH THE PERONISTS. THE PERONISTS ARE PROBABLY OF THE SAME MIND, AS THEIR ENDORSEMENT OF IVANISSEVICH'S REMARKS SEEMS LESS THAN WHOLEHEARTED.

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